

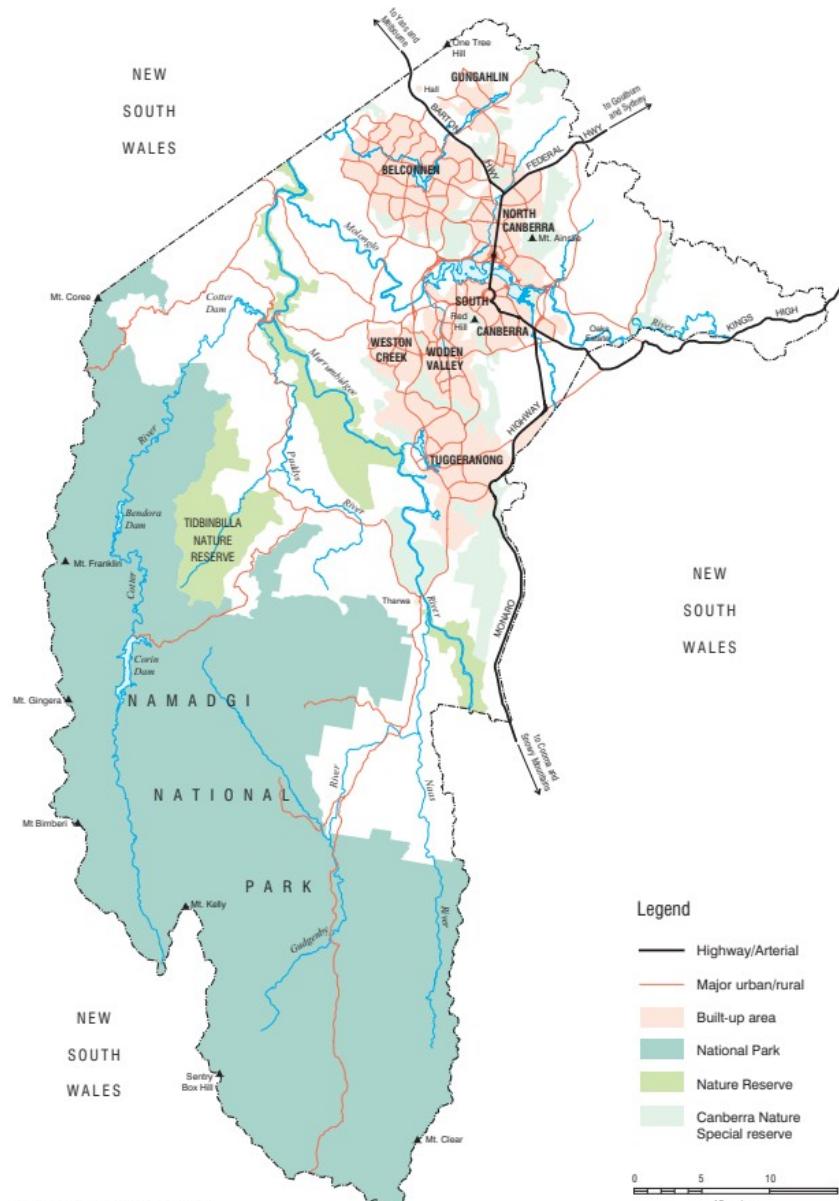
2003
AUSTRALIAN
CAPITAL
TERRITORY
AT A
GLANCE



In 1911, an area of approximately 2,360 square kilometres was transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia by the State of New South Wales to become the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The city of Canberra, Australia's national capital, is located in the northern part of this area, 300 km south-west of Sydney and 650 km north-east of Melbourne by road.

On 11 May 1989 self-government for the Territory was proclaimed. The ACT is the smallest of Australia's six states and two territories, but has the highest population density and is the only state or territory without a sea border.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



CLIMATE OF THE ACT

(Lat. 35°19'S, Long. 149°11'E, Height above Main Sea Level 571 metres)

The weather in the ACT in 2002 was drier, windier and warmer than the average. The ACT also recorded more thunderstorms in 2002 and an increase in the number of frosts for the period.

	During 2002	Long-term average
Annual rainfall	505.4 mm	630.2 mm
Days of rain	69	106
Thunderstorms	23	23
Average daily temperature	13.8°C	12.9°C
Days temperature exceeded 30°C	37	30
Days of frost	112	97
Days of fog	26	46
Average hours of sunshine per day	8.4	7.5
Extremes		
Air temperature — hottest	36.9°C (22 Dec)	42.2°C (1.2.68)
— coldest	-6.0°C (12 July)	-10.0°C (11.7.71)
Rainfall — highest month	211.0 mm (Feb)	312 mm (Mar 1950)
— lowest month	10.4 mm (Nov)	0.0 mm (multiple)

ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA

Area	Unit	Period	ACT	Australia
	'000 km ²	2002	2.4	7 692.0
Demography				
Estimated resident population	'000	Dec 2002	322.7	19 786.6
Annual population growth rate	%	2001–02	0.8	1.3
Rates per 1,000 mean population				
Births	no.	2001	12.2	12.6
Deaths, standardised rate	no.	2001	5.1	5.4
Marriages	no.	2001	4.9	5.3
Economy				
Gross State Product				
Current prices	\$m	2001–02	14 258	712 980
Chain volume measures	\$m	2001–02	13 928	695 663
Percentage change from previous year	%	2001–02	4.0	4.0
Final Consumption Expenditure				
General government	\$m	2001–02	9 612	127 768
Household	\$m	2001–02	8 216	428 260
Consumer Price Index	% chg	2001–02	2.5	2.9
Labour force (annual average trend)				
Total in Labour force	'000	Feb 2003	180.9	10 156.7
Employed persons	'000	Feb 2003	173.3	9 538.8
Unemployed persons	'000	Feb 2003	7.6	617.9
Unemployment rate	%	Feb 2003	4.2	6.1
Participation rate	%	Feb 2003	72.5	64.3
Average weekly earnings full time adult (trend)				
All males — total earnings	\$	May 2003	999	874
All females — total earnings	\$	May 2003	685	568
Transport				
New motor vehicle sales	'000	2002–03	15 777	941 080
Road fatalities (per 100,000 people)	no.	2001	5.1	9.1

AGRICULTURE (at 30th June)

	Unit	2000	2001	2002
Number of establishments	no.	93	96	93
Total area of establishments	ha	47 000	54 000	52 000
Livestock				
Cattle and calves	no.	10 000	n.p.	n.p.
Sheep and lambs	no.	80 000	110 000	88 000
Poultry	no.	120 000	120 000	220 000
Gross value of production				
Crops (incl. pasture and grasses)	\$m	3.3	4.6	2.6
Livestock slaughterings	\$m	2.7	4.3	4.6
Livestock products (incl. wool and milk)	\$m	9.1	10.9	12.4
Total agriculture	\$m	15.1	19.8	19.6

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Building commencements				
Residential building	\$m	402.0	285.5	456.8
Non-residential building	\$m	277.5	158.6	259.1
Engineering construction	\$m	266.4	186.3	207.9
Total	\$m	945.9	630.4	923.8
New residential building approvals				
Houses	no.	1 500	967	1 214
Other residential	no.	804	779	1 014
Total	no.	2 304	1 746	2 228
Moving annual median house prices (at Dec qtr)	2000	2001	2002	
Established house	\$'000	180.8	206.3	234.2
Established unit/townhouse	\$'000	140.3	156.9	197.8

CRIME

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Offences reported or becoming known to police				
Offences against the person	no.	2 389	2 580	2 765
Robbery and extortion	no.	328	323	252
Burglary, fraud and theft	no.	33 817	27 676	22 937
Property damage and environment offences	no.	10 144	9 353	7 467
Offences against good order	no.	2 796	3 797	3 212
All other offences n.e.c.	no.	3 828	4 407	5 198
Total	no.	53 302	48 136	41 831

DEMOGRAPHY

		2000	2001	2002
Estimated resident population (at 31 Dec)	'000	316.8	320.3	322.7
Statistical subdivisions (ERP at 30 June)				
North Canberra	'000	38.8	39.3	p 39.3
Belconnen	'000	84.5	86.2	p 86.2
Woden Valley	'000	32.3	32.9	p 32.4
Weston Creek-Stromlo	'000	23.9	23.8	p 23.7
Tuggeranong	'000	88.9	90.8	p 90.5
South Canberra	'000	23.0	23.7	p 23.5
Gungahlin-Hall	'000	19.4	24.6	p 25.8
Remainder of ACT	'000	0.3	0.4	p 0.4
Vital events registered		1999	2000	2001
Births	no.	4 253	4 065	3 938
Deaths	no.	1 331	1 300	1 419
Marriages	no.	1 814	1 735	1 572
Divorces	no.	1 485	1 561	1 684
Rates per 1,000 mean population				
Births	no.	13.7	13.1	12.2
Deaths, standardised rate	no.	5.4	5.1	5.1
Marriages	no.	5.8	5.6	4.9

EDUCATION

Establishments		2001	2002	2003
Preschools	no.	85	80	80
Schools				
Government	no.	91	95	91
Non-government	no.	42	44	43
Higher education	no.	4	4	4
Vocational Education and Training	no.	3	3	3
Student Enrolments				
Government Preschools	no.	3 604	3 693	3 565
Schools				
Government	no.	37 908	37 352	36 876
Non-government	no.	22 921	23 420	23 736
		2000	2001	2002
Higher education	no.	20 162	20 559	24 887

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

1999–2000 2000–01 2001–02

Revenue				
Taxation	\$m	690	639	579
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	654	828	947
Other	\$m	575	656	709
Total	\$m	1 920	2 123	2 236
Expenses				
Operating	\$m	1 478	1 631	1 609
Other	\$m	359	463	518
Total	\$m	1 839	2 093	2 127
Net operating balance	\$m	81	30	109

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

1999–2000 2000–01 2001–02

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Imports	\$'000	8 761.3	4 840.3	5 405.7
Exports	\$'000	32 756.0	21 579.4	10 572.0

LABOUR FORCE (Feb qtr trend series)

2001 2002 2003

Employed persons	'000	168.4	168.2	173.3
Males	'000	88.1	87.7	90.6
Females	'000	80.3	80.4	82.7
Unemployed persons	'000	8.4	7.7	7.6
Males	'000	5.0	4.8	4.7
Females	'000	3.4	2.9	2.9
Unemployment rate	%	4.8	4.4	4.2
Males	%	5.4	5.2	5.0
Females	%	4.1	3.5	3.4
Participation rate	%	72.7	71.4	72.5
Males	%	78.3	76.8	78.1
Females	%	67.2	66.2	67.2
Industry (May qtr)		2001	2002	2003
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	1.0	*0.6	*0.5
Mining	'000	—	—	*0.2
Manufacturing	'000	5.7	4.6	6.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000	1.3	*0.8	1.5
Construction	'000	9.9	8.0	10.6
Wholesale trade	'000	3.1	2.7	2.7
Retail trade	'000	20.8	23.8	21.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000	7.2	8.1	8.9
Transport and storage	'000	4.6	4.3	3.6
Communication services	'000	2.5	2.5	3.1
Finance and insurance	'000	4.9	4.2	2.1
Property and business services	'000	24.4	25.2	24.9

Industry (May qtr) — continued		2001	2002	2003
Government administration and defence	'000	35.8	39.6	43.0
Education	'000	14.5	14.1	14.2
Health and community services	'000	17.1	16.5	13.0
Cultural and recreational services	'000	7.3	5.8	6.7
Personal and other services	'000	7.3	9.5	8.7
Average weekly earnings, full-time adult (May qtr trend series)		2001	2002	2003
Male employees	\$	911.9	872.9	998.8
Female employees	\$	655.4	662.5	684.8
All employees	\$	771.1	764.3	831.7
Industrial disputes (year ending Dec)		2000	2001	2002
Working days lost	'000	1.4	0.4	1.0
Working days lost per 1,000 employees	no.	9	3	7
Public sector Employment (Feb qtr trend series)		2001	2002	2003
Commonwealth Government	'000	52.1	53.3	57.5
State Government	'000	17.4	17.4	17.3
Total	'000	69.5	70.7	74.8

MEDICARE SERVICES

Average number of services		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Males	no.	7.0	7.3	7.2
Females	no.	10.9	11.3	11.1
Persons	no.	9.0	9.3	9.0
Males 75 years and over	no.	16.4	18.2	18.4
Females 75 years and over	no.	23.0	23.6	22.8

PRICES

Consumer price index for Canberra % change		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
All groups	%	2.2	6.2	2.5
Food	%	1.2	5.8	5.9
Tobacco and alcohol	%	2.6	11.2	3.6
Clothing and footwear	%	-1.0	6.9	1.2
Housing	%	4.2	9.7	4.4
Household furnishings, supplies and services	%	0.7	4.2	1.4
Health	%	-1.7	3.7	4.1
Transportation	%	4.9	4.6	-1.6
Communication	%	-5.0	7.0	-0.2
Recreation	%	1.2	2.6	2.6
Education	%	3.0	3.6	3.3
Miscellaneous	%	8.7	10.0	0.3
Average retail prices (cents) June qtr		2000	2001	2002
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	123	128	140
Bread, white loaf, supermarket sales	650 g	231	246	257
Rump steak	1 kg	1 250	1 398	1 567
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	634	644	628
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass	186	203	205
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	87.8	97.8	91.8

PRIVATE FINANCE

Lending commitments		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m	1 159	1 448	1 762
Personal	\$m	834	852	1 009
Commercial	\$m	1 485	1 255	2 468
Lease	\$m	129	125	170

RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER

		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Food retailing	\$m	1 171.2	1 353.0	1 390.0
Department stores	\$m	319.1	327.1	347.3
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	194.1	229.4	234.4
Household good retailing	\$m	469.9	530.3	606.6
Recreational good retailing	\$m	184.0	158.9	168.7
Other retailing	\$m	323.0	320.5	281.3
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	528.8	590.3	662.7
Total	\$m	3 191.9	3 511.1	3 693.6

STATE ACCOUNTS

Gross State Product		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
At current prices	\$m	12 784	13 404	14 258
Chain volume measures (experimental series)	\$m	12 861	13 404	13 928

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION (Mar qtr)

Hotels, motels and guest houses		2001	2002	2003
Establishments	no.	59	62	59
Guest rooms	no.	5 004	5 228	5 112
Bed spaces	no.	14 817	15 427	15 165
Room occupancy rates	%	59	62	62
Takings from accommodation	'000	30 611	31 992	32 794

TRANSPORT

New motor vehicle registrations		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Passenger vehicles	no.	11 483	10 351	11 329
Other vehicles	no.	3 107	3 446	4 448
Total	no.	14 590	13 797	15 777

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	\$	— dollars
ERP	— estimated resident population	\$'000	— dollars thousand
		incl.	— including
Lat.	— latitude	\$m	— dollars million
Long.	— longitude	no.	— number
km	— kilometre	'000	— thousand
km ²	— square kilometre	qtr	— quarter
kg	— kilogram	%	— per cent
g	— gram	% chg	— percentage change
ha	— hectare	p	— preliminary
mm	— millimetres	n.e.c.	— not elsewhere classified
ml	— millilitres	n.p.	— not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated
Feb	— February	*	— estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution
Mar	— March	—	— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
Nov	— November		
Dec	— December		
ACT	— Australian Capital Territory		

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